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DOCTORS MUST WRITE IN A LEGIBLE HANDWRITING- ORISSA HC

Hon'ble High Court of Orissa, in the case of *Rasa @ Rasananda Bhoi Versus State of Odisha & Ors*¹, observed that the casual approach of most of the doctors while writing the post mortem reports which adversely affects the medico-legal documents and the legal system struggles to figure out such handwriting, leading to challenges in reaching a conclusive decision.

Hon'ble HC noted that "In many cases, the casual approach of most of the doctors while writing the postmortem report is affecting the comprehension of medico-legal documents. The judicial system finds it very difficult to read those letters and come to a definite conclusion. In such view of the matter, the chief secretary of the state is instructed to issue a circular to all the medical centres, private clinics and medical colleges and hospitals, directing them to write in proper handwriting or in a typed form when they are prescribing medicine or writing some medico-legal reports."

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